

[Mrs. Etta Shaw]

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Week No. 3

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Edna B. Pearson ADDRESS 108 E 18 South Sioux

DATE January 23, 1939 SUBJECT Interview No. 8

1. Name and address of Informant Mrs. Etta Shaw, 123 E 18 South Sioux City
2. Date and time of interview January 23, 1939 at 10 A. M.
3. Place of interview at her home 123 E 18th St. So. Sioux
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant no one
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you no one
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Informant lives in a large, square house, painted cream, with her mother, a woman about 96 years of age. I thought the mother, Mrs. Lindsey, was the one I wanted to interview but it seems that she has not been here only about twenty years, and Mrs. Shaw has been here about 48 years. The house and yard are very nicely kept up, both inside and outside, as Mr. Shaw is a retired railroad man and has plenty of time to care for the place. The rooms are large, nicely furnished and nicely cared for. [C. 15 neb.]

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Week No. 3 Personal History of informant

NAME OF WORKER ADDRESS

DATE January 23, 1939 SUBJECT Interview No. 8

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Etta Shaw, 123 E 19th St South Sioux City

1. Ancestry Father Thomas Lindsey Mother Rachael Ann Phillips Lindsey
2. Place and date of birth, Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania, in 1872
3. Family, two sons, both living
4. Place lived in, with dates Pennsylvania until 1890. Dakota County from 1890 until present time
5. Education, with dates Graduated from Franklin, [?] Pa. High School in 1890
6. Occupations and accomplishments Housewife and homemaker
7. Special skills and interests. No speckal skills, but very much interested in Church and Lodge work and one or two societies
8. Community and religious activities. Member Presbyterian Church and Ladies Aid Society, member of Order of Eastern Star, Charter member of Dakota City Chapter for 46 years, and member of South Sioux City Women's Club and a little local club at Dakota City
9. Description of informant. Tall, rather slender, white hair and dark brown eyes; very nice appearing
10. Other points gained in interview Informant was very glad and willing to be of all the help to me she could; is very pleasant and sociable

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FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Etta Shaw 123 E 18 South Sioux City

We used to all get together and have real old fashioned parties and played games, but the young folks never did play cards. It seemed that the churches were so much more strict those days about playing cards and dancing than they are now. We used to play charrades, and another favorite game with us was "Drunken Sailor"; which was played a good deal like "London Bridge" Two people would join hands, holding them up high, to form a "bridge". The rest would form a line and pass under the bridge. Then they would all sing: "What shall you do with the drunken sailor: Put him in a boat and sail him over; Sometimes drunk and sometimes sober, Till the fall of the year comes in October."

Then the two forming the Bridge, would grab the one going under the bridge. [We?] played Ante-Over, base ball, etc.

Uncle George Boals' Brother's wife, Hannah Boals, was the first white woman in this part of Nebraska. George Boals' wife and my mother were sisters. When my mother's sister, Mary Boals, George Boals' wife, came here as a bride she walked across the Missouri river on the ice; they came from Pennsylvania on the train and David Boals, Hannah's husband, met them on the Nebraska side of the Missouri and took them home with him. [???

Here are some of the verses written in my autograph album: "Our lives are albums, written through With good or ill, with false or true And as the blessed angles turn the pages of our

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years God grant they read the good with smiles And blot the ill with tears." "Strive to keep the Golden Rule And learn your lessons well at school." "Remember, [Ch.'?] Remember, Where we used to go to school,

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And then, again, remember, How we used to act the fool." "In the golden casket of memory Drop one pearl for me. "Friendship is a golden note Tied by an angel's angel's hand."

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